

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being unpatentable over Reed et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,862,325 ("Reed") in view Ramasubramani et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,233,577 ("Ramasubramani"). Applicants respectfully disagree and traverse these rejections for at least the following reasons.

As indicated by the Office Action, Reed does not teach a two-way trusted communication link for access by an authenticated user to a list of application servers associated with a client identifier. To overcome this deficiency in Reed, the Examiner now cites Ramasubramani. Applicants respectfully submit that Ramasubramani does not disclose or suggest such an authenticated link.

Applicants note that claim 1, in addition to requiring the establishment of a two-way trusted communication link requires the link to be set up by an authentication server. Once the link is set up, the claims provide for access by an authenticated user to a list of application servers associated with a client identifier.

Ramasubramani does not disclose or suggest such an authentication server that establishes a two-way trusted communication link. Rather, Ramasubramani discloses a proxy server which reserves a plurality of "certificates" which a mobile device and a destination device (e.g., PC 314, server 310, etc. shown in FIG. 3) can use to verify "private keys" in order to subsequently carry out a transaction. The proxy server does not establish the

trusted communication link; this is left up to the mobile device and destination device.

Accordingly, because neither Reed nor Ramasubramani disclose or suggest an authentication server as required by the claims, it is respectfully submitted that the combination of Reed and Ramasubramani does not disclose or suggest the subject matter of claims 1-14.

In addition, Applicants note that Ramasubramani does not disclose or suggest the establishment of a two-way trusted communication link to allow an authenticated user to access a list of application servers. At most, it appears that Ramasubramani discloses a method of more easily assigning certificates to an end user in order for the end user and a destination device to verify private keys. For each end user or so-called "thin client device", a proxy server may store a certificate list 320 and a private key list 326. However, the certificate and private key lists are not associated with application servers which may be accessed by an end user. In fact, the certificate list 320 and private key list 326 may be used to access any number of unlimited destination devices which are able to verify the private key.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims of the present invention, which require access to a list of application servers associated with a client identifier would not have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art from a reading of Ramasubramani because one of ordinary skill in the art would not analogize a list of application servers with a certificate list or private key list at least for the reason that the former store applications while the latter do not.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-14 are patentable over the combination of Reed and Ramasubramani for the reasons stated above. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the pending rejections and allowance of claims 1-14.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for a one (1) month extension of time for filing a reply to the outstanding Office Action and submit the required \$120.00 extension fee herewith.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John E. Curtin at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

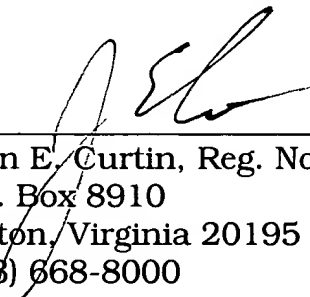
In the event this Response does not place the present application in condition for allowance, applicant requests the Examiner to contact the undersigned at (703) 668-8000 to schedule a personal interview.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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